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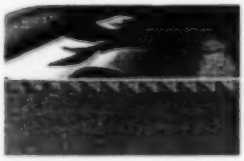

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MINISTER PRENTICE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT TO SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD

Ottawa, Ontario (January 26, 2007) - The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, announced today that Robert Leon Kelly has been appointed to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board. The appointment is effective immediately.

"I am pleased to support this appointment," said Minister Prentice."Mr. Kelly has deep roots in the North and in particular, the Sahtu. His knowledge and experience in the region will contribute to the important work undertaken by this board."

Mr. Kelly was also born and raised in the North. A resident of Fort Good Hope, Mr. Kelly is currently serving a second term on the K'asho Got'ine Charter Community Council and is former President of the Yamoga Land Corporation, where he presently sits on the board of directors. Mr. Kelly co-ordinated Fort Good Hope's delegation to the 35th Dene National Assembly.

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board was established through the *Sahtu Dene and Metis Land Claim Settlement Act*. Its purpose is to establish policies and propose regulations related to wildlife, commercial establishments for harvesting, hunting, guiding and outfitting services. The board is also responsible for the protection of wildlife and conservation areas. It reviews any proposed government regulation on the matter of wildlife in the NWT area.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES
Robert Leon Kelly

Robert Leon Kelly is a North Slavey Dene and was born in Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. He currently resides in the Sahtu region of the NWT in the community of Fort Good Hope. Mr. Kelly has a certificate in Management Studies, a diploma in Addiction Studies and is a certified Alcohol and Drug Counsellor. He also has a certificate from the Territorial School of Community Government in Law, Land Claims & Self-Government.

Mr. Kelly is actively involved in the community and has held numerous positions in Fort Good Hope. He is currently serving a second term on the K'asho Got'ine Charter Community Council and is former President of the Yamoga Land Corporation, where he presently sits on the board of directors. He has also served on the board of the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, K'ahsho Got'ine Land Corporation, the District Education Authority, K'ahsho Got'ine Justice Committee, and the Fort Good Hope Dene Community Council. He was also the co-ordinator for Fort Good Hope's delegation to the 35th Dene National Assembly.

Mr. Kelly possesses several years of experience working in addictions counselling and community justice. He is also the Sahtu representative on the Aboriginal Sports Circle of the Western Arctic. He is involved in various traditional and non-traditional activities within the community such as volleyball, hockey, drumming, and handgames.

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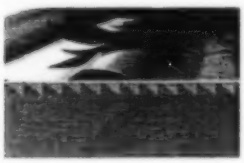

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